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Webinar on Machine Maintenance Tips for Pre-Operation



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I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim members “Selamat Hari Raya” and we hope MBAM members are all safe and adhering to the SOPs set by the Government. For more information, MBAM members can check out the webpage on all information related to COVID-19 matters in relation to construction industry at <http://mbam.org.my/covid-19/>.



Eric Yong
MBAM Secretary General

HIGHLIGHTS

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Live Webinar

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FOCUS GROUP DIALOGUE (VIRTUAL SESSION)

Contract Administration issues due to COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of the Movement Control Order (MCO) and the resumption of work for the construction industry

Saturday | 2nd May 2020 | 9:30am - 11am

Panellists

Moderator

Oliver Wee
MBAM Vice President and Chairman of Contracts and Practices Committee

Special Guest Speaker
Ir Harbans Singh KS

Rajendra Navaratnam, Partner at Azman Davidson & Co

Chan Kheng Hoe, Founder of Kheng Hoe Advocates

Sr Ong Hock Tek, MD, BK Entrusty

Chu Ai Li, Partner at Azman Davidson & Co

Karen Ng Yueh Ying, Partner at Azman Davidson & Co

The above event attended by 309 online participants was organised by MBAM Contracts and Practices Committee on 2 May. MBAM Vice President and Committee Chairman, Oliver Wee delivered the welcome speech in which he stated how the economy has been affected adversely in the past 1.5 months, in fact the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reported the world economy would contract by 3% in 2020 which is more severe than the last recession in 2008.

Committee Member Chu Ai Li spoke on the concept of Extension of Time (EOT) and its relevance to the pandemic situation while Committee Member Karen Ng delivered a short presentation on the frustration of contracts.

The programme also saw Committee Member Chan Kheng Hoe speaking his mind on the concept of Loss and Expenses as well as the critical need for a COVID-19 Bill for our construction industry. Another Committee Member Rajendra Navaratnam challenged the minds of attendees about the pros and cons of to work or not to work which I am sure you are still thinking very hard on as to the best solution for your situation.

Committee Member, Sr Ong Hock Tek discussed in detail the impact of the Movement Control Order (MCO) and the Site Operating Procedure in terms of the impact to work. Ir. Harbans KS followed up with his sharing on the platform for contracting parties to seek common interest and amicable solution through MBAM Mediation Services. Overall, it is hoped the webinar is of assistance to members moving forward.

Webinar on Machine Maintenance Tips for Pre-Operation



Live Webinar

MACHINE MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR PRE-OPERATION

5th May 2020 | 9:30am-10:30am | Live Via Microsoft Teams

SPEAKER: Raveendran Govindan
Tractors Malaysia CAT

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MBAM Machinery Resources Committee organised a Webinar on Machine Maintenance Tips for Pre-Operation via Microsoft Teams on 5 May and was attended by 31 participants. Caterpillar Certified Dealer Instructor (CDI) for Tractors Malaysia, Raveendran Govindan in his presentation gave tips for pre-operation that covered safety, walk around inspection, pre-operating procedures and best operating practices. Deputy Secretary-General I and Committee Chairman, Ong Ka Thiam thanked Tractors Malaysia and Sime Darby Industrial Sdn Bhd for sharing their knowledge with MBAM Members related to machinery. MBAM hopes the tips shared are useful to members before operating their machineries.

Webinar on Prompt Response to CCC Delivery Process under the “New Normal”

The Special Taskforce to Facilitate Business (PEMUDAH) organised the above webinar on 18 May which was chaired by PEMUDAH Co-Chairman, Dato’ Ir. Andy Seo. It was a privilege for me to be invited to join the panel and represent MBAM for a presentation delivery.

In my presentation, I touched on several issues affecting contractors. The first issue was on the issue of Planning and Water Reticulation approval processed and issued by Air Selangor or formerly known as Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor (SYABAS) Headquarters. There was also the issue of tapping source for most of the construction projects. Furthermore, contractors also faced issues with the Fire Department or BOMBA where the process of making appointment for CCC inspection usually takes a few weeks. I also proposed for CCC Applications during Movement Control Order (MCO) to include allowing virtual site inspection and to digitalise all G-forms and e-submissions. In my conclusion, I have stated that we should look at what is needed for the future to ensure better productivity and improvement to the processes. Overall, it was a successful event and gave MBAM a platform to submit issues to be resolved through PEMUDAH.

Other Key Events Attended by MBAM

5 May

MBAM Virtual Dialogue Meeting with the Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (REHDA) was attended by MBAM Vice President Oliver Wee, Honorary Advisor (Legal) John Tong, Council Member Dato' Sri Eric Kuan, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling, General Manager Lenny Lim, Senior PR Executive Chew Chee Yan, and I via Microsoft Teams

6 May

SIRIM Stakeholder Consultation Virtual Session for drafting of "Environmental Protection and Enhancement Works for Projects" was attended by MBAM Vice President Dennis Tan and Assistant General Manager Lee Siew Mei via Microsoft Teams.

PEMUDAH Private Sector Virtual Meeting No. 5/2020 was attended by MBAM President Foo Chek Lee via Cisco Webex.

8 May

Session with Ernst & Young (EY) on "EY Enterprise Resilient Tool" was attended by MBAM President Foo Chek Lee via GoToMeeting.

12 May

Webinar on "Time to change Accounting Department to IR4.0" by Office Central was attended by MBAM Account & Admin Manager Jess Lim via Zoom.

PEMUDAH Private Sector Meeting No.6/2020 was attended by MBAM President Foo Chek Lee via Cisco Webex.

13 May

Virtual Meeting on Technical Committee of Fire Properties of Building Materials (T/M/6) No. 1/2020 was attended by MBAM General Manager Michael Thong via Zoom.

MITI's Meeting to discuss Company 's Operational Contingency Plan in the Construction Sector was attended by MBAM President Foo Chek Lee at Menara MITI, Kuala Lumpur.

14 May

Technical Committee Meeting on Building Design and Construction (TC/D/11) No. 2/2020 was attended by MBAM General Manager Michael Thong via Zoom.

Ministry of Finance: Discussion on "Recovery Plans to the Property and Real Estate Industry post MCO" was attended by MBAM President Foo Chek Lee and General Manager Lenny Lim at the Ministry of Finance, Putrajaya.

15 May

Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) Meeting to discuss on "Companies' Operational Contingency Plan in the Construction Industry" was attended by MBAM President Foo Chek Lee at Menara MITI, Kuala Lumpur.

IFAWPCA Meeting with Asian Development Bank, China International Contractors Association and CICA was attended by MBAM President Foo Chek Lee, Honorary Life President Datuk Lai Foot Kong, Vice President Dennis Tan, Honorary Advisor (Legal) John Tong, Treasurer-General Kenneth Liew, Executive Director Loh Mei Ling, and Assistant General Manager Lee Siew Mei via Zoom.

19 May

PEMUDAH Technical Working Group on Registering Property was attended by MBAM General Manager Lenny Lim via GoToMeeting.

CIDB Meeting on Quality Assurance and Quality Control Guideline in Construction was attended by Technical Committee Member Faudzi of Sunway via Google Meet.

20 May

Working Group on WG/D/12-2-Ceramic Tiles No. 5/2020 was attended by MBAM General Manager Michael Thong via Zoom.

PEMUDAH Private Sector Virtual Meeting No. 7/2020 was attended by MBAM President Foo Chek Lee via Cisco Webex.

21 May

Technical Committee Meeting on TC/D/12-Ceramic Materials & Sanitary Fittings No. 5/2020 was attended by MBAM General Manager Michael Thong via Zoom.

28 May

PEMUDAH Private Sector Meeting No. 8/2020 was attended by MBAM President, Foo Chek Lee via Cisco Webex.



ERIC YONG SHANG MING
Secretary-General

